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Latest News

EPA Expects 'Flexible' Ozone SIPs By Oct. 1 Deadline, States Fear Sanctions

AUSTIN, TX -- EPA expects states to meet an Oct. 1 deadline for submitting plans to reduce interstate air pollution and predicts many will opt to use regulatory "flexibilities" that could reduce their obligations, but some

sources say there is major concern about the potential sanctions the agency could impose on states that will miss the deadline.

States, Environmentalists Fight EPA's Bid To Moot Glider Enforcement Suit

States and environmentalists are fighting EPA's claim that litigation over its enforcement waiver of glider truck emissions rules is moot after the agency withdrew it, arguing that an appellate court should still rule on the legality of the waiver in case EPA tries to revive it and warning that mootng the case could complicate future glider rule enforcement.

11th Circuit Judges Question 'Absurdity' Of Alabama NPDES Withdrawal

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit is questioning the outcome of granting environmentalists' push for EPA to declare Alabama's Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting program deficient and start withdrawal proceedings, with one judge suggesting a strict reading of the law could lead to "absurd" results.

Environmentalists Launch New Civil Rights Strategy To Fight Gas Pipelines

Environmentalists are pursuing a new strategy to challenge natural gas pipeline construction, filing at least two petitions with EPA alleging that two states' approvals of the pipelines violate the Civil Rights Act because the states did not consider whether the project's route would disproportionately impact disadvantaged residents.

EPA Air Official Predicts Push For Strict PM NAAQS But Doubts Feasibility

AUSTIN, TX -- A top EPA air official is predicting some stakeholders will push for significantly ramping down the fine particulate matter (PM2.5) ambient air standard from the current limit of 12 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3) to as low as 5 ug/m3 as part of EPA's ongoing review of the limit, but is suggesting such a standard might be technically impossible.

Environmentalists Pursue EAB Case Over EPA's Air Permits For Utah Gas

Environmentalists are pursuing an EPA Environmentalists Appeal Board (EAB) case challenging Clean Air Act "synthetic" minor source permits that the agency's Region 8 issued for gas production operations on tribal land in Utah, part of a broader legal strategy to challenge drilling in the state that they warn is harming air quality.

Daily Feed

Environmentalists fight EPA bid to undo ozone 'backsliding' ruling

Environmentalists are pushing back against EPA's efforts to weaken several aspects of a court ruling that scrapped much of the agency's rule for implementation of its 2008 federal ozone standard.

DOJ plans to challenge kids' climate suit at every opportunity

The Trump administration plans to fight the novel climate suit in order to avoid having federal officials deposed on climate science in a potentially drawn-out trial.

Quoted: EPA vehicle GHG rule proposal prompts mixed reaction

EPA's and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's proposal to freeze Obama-era fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards is prompting a wide mix of reactions.

Wheeler says formaldehyde IRIS study undergoing 'accuracy' review

The agency's acting administrator offered senators his first public assurance that EPA will ultimately release the long-pending risk assessment of formaldehyde.

Major biofuels group sees progress on E15 waiver, fuel economy

Biofuels advocates believe EPA will continue crafting a rule to lift E15 fuel restrictions, despite statements from agency chief Andrew Wheeler casting doubt on these efforts.

Ewire: Trump's science adviser pick earns bipartisan praise

In today's Ewire: The selection of meteorologist Kevlin Droegemeier would end an 18-month vacancy at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Carper compares Kavanaugh to Pruitt in bid to block nomination

Judge Brett Kavanaugh "has demonstrated that he will put the interests of polluters ahead of the right of the public to breathe clean [air] and drink clean water," claims Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE).

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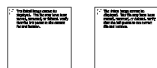
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